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Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) which was transferred to Corrections in part from the Ministry of Health on 23 March 2021, pursuant to section 14 of the OIA.

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the delay in responding to you. Thank you for your patience.

You requested:

*We would like to request the financial records of how the \$1.9 billion dollars from the Wellbeing Budget 2019 and the further \$40 million of additional funding in the 2020 Budget towards Mental Health and Addictions has so far been spent?*

Corrections was allocated \$127.5 million over four years from the \$1.9b mental health package, for Increasing Access to Mental Health and Addiction Support and an additional \$2 million for Enhancing Specialist Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD; funding was specifically to address cost pressures for AOD residential treatment providers) Services. We did not however, receive any funding from the additional \$40 million of increased funding announced in Budget 2020 towards Mental Health and Addictions.

For people with mild to moderate mental distress, Corrections has established Improving Mental Health services which are provided through contracted primary health organisations and non-governmental organisations. These services were established through the Justice Sector Fund in 2016. Prior to delivering further uplifts to these services, Corrections is undertaking a review to ensure they align with Hōkai Rangī and deliver intended benefits, such as improved outcomes for Māori.

Alongside developments in the primary care mental health space, Corrections has also expanded our services for people with moderate to severe mental distress. This has included three additional multidisciplinary mental health teams (to add to the three already in place). Each new site has a budget allocated for a total of eight FTE staff.

In addition to these services, the Wellbeing Budget 2019 has created:

- Nine Clinical Nurse Specialists roles, eight of which have already been recruited, to provide mental health support and guidance at nine prisons across the country. The prisons at which these specialist roles have been established do not have an existing multidisciplinary mental health team.
- Training opportunities for custodial staff who manage the most difficult people in prison, covering suicide prevention, and personality disorders and complex behaviours.
- ‘Mental Health 101’ and ‘Alcohol and Other Drug 101’ training for all custodial staff across all prison sites over the next three years.
- Increased supervision for all custodial staff working in our Intervention and Support Units (which house our most distressed people).
- Funding to support 25 AOD community residential treatment packages for people under Corrections’ management. This equates to approximately 100 people receiving residential AOD care annually.

***AOD Intensive Treatment Programmes in Prisons:*** During 2019/20, 11 existing AOD programmes available in prisons were strengthened by improving the quality of services for the people who are already engaging in them. Corrections was able to:

- increase the number of AOD practitioners by 6.5 additional full-time equivalents (FTE),
- increase the number of clinical managers by 2.5 additional FTE
- create 10.5 additional FTE roles for peer support workers
- create nine additional FTE cultural support workers.

This funding also provided for increases in contract value to cover rising treatment staff costs. In addition, Corrections will be able to establish five additional AOD prison programmes over the next 18 months. One of these programmes commenced on 27 September 2021 at Tongariro Prison and a second programme, in Invercargill, is due to commence soon.

***Enhancing Specialist AOD Services:*** This funding improved the sustainability of community AOD residential treatment services (Packages of Care) through meeting existing cost pressures.

***AOD Aftercare Support Services:*** During 2019/20, all 20 FTE Aftercare Worker positions across 13 prison sites were made permanent (i.e., no longer pilot). Over the next 18 months, an additional 15 Aftercare Workers will be funded across Prison and Community Corrections sites. Aftercare Workers are post-treatment support workers who assist graduates to maintain the gains they have made in intensive treatment and help to navigate their transition back into the community.

***AOD testing and interventions:*** Probation officers nationwide can now request alcohol and drug testing of people with a sentence condition not to consume alcohol or drugs. Corrections was allocated funding for a combination of Alcohol Detection Anklelets and urine testing of people with a sentence condition not to consume alcohol and/or drugs.

Of the capital budget, a total of \$3.9 million was allocated to Corrections. One million of which was allocated to the Mental Health Patient Management System and \$2.9 million allocated to Alcohol Detection Anklets

Appendix One provides a breakdown of the amount spent on Mental Health and AOD programmes from Budget 2019, broken down by year and programme, as at 30 June 2021.

*Can we please have the details on which organisations or services were contracted, how much they received and for what purpose? Also what is left of this budget allocation (both amounts) to date that has not yet been spent or handed out by the government?*

The following organisations and services received funding as part of the Wellbeing Budget 2019 to strengthen delivery or address financial cliffs:

- Care NZ
- Odyssey House Trust
- Te Ara Tiatia
- Northern District Health Board
- Odyssey House Trust Christchurch
- Te Hā Oranga
- Te Oranganui Trust
- Salvation Army
- The Drug Detection Agency
- Attenti
- Higher Ground
- Manaaki Ora Trust
- Ngāti Hine Health Trust
- Te Whare Ruruhau o Meri (Hope House)
- St Marks
- He Waka Tapu
- Downie Stewart Foundation
- MASH Trust
- Te Oronganui Trust
- Emerge Aotearoa Limited
- PACT Group
- Waitaha Primary Health Limited & WellSouth Primary Network
- Pillars
- TTL Healthcare of New Zealand Limited

Your request for the amount paid to each contracted provider through Budget 2019 is withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA, as the release of this information would unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied, or who is the subject of, the information.

*Also what is left of this budget allocation (both amounts) to date that has not yet been spent or handed out by the government?"*

Corrections is not responsible for the Wellbeing Budget, or any other Government agency Budgets. I understand your request has been transferred to the relevant agencies responsible for these Budgets, who will be responding in due course/have provided you with a response.

Please note that this response may be published on Corrections' website. Typically, responses are published quarterly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise them with Corrections. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi



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**Appendix One - Amount spent on Mental Health and AOD programmes from Budget 2019, broken down by year and programme, as at 30 June 2021.**

Mental Health Programme Funding (millions)	2019/20 - Allocated	2019/20 - Spent	2020/21 - Allocated	2020/21 - Spent	2021/22 - Allocated	2022/23 - Allocated	Capital Funding - Allocated
Mental Health Services	\$9.2	\$6.4	\$13.7	\$10.1	\$18.0	\$18.0	\$1.0
AOD Programmes	\$7.5	\$6.1	\$13.1	\$8.8	\$20.7	\$23.4	\$2.9
Enhancing Specialist AOD Services <sup>1</sup>	\$0.5	\$0.5	\$0.5	\$0.5	\$0.5	\$0.5	

**Note:**

- Please note the year to date actual spend for financial year 2020/21 is unaudited.
- Underspends in prior years are due to a focus on re-alignment of service delivery commitments to higher priority initiatives. This shift in focus was towards additional support for people experiencing moderate to severe mental health issues.
- The current year budget is fully allocated to be spent provided no further delays arise.

<sup>1</sup> Enhancing Specialist AOD Services funding met existing cost pressures for community AOD residential treatment services.